

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references listed are also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references cited in the PTO-1449 and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no fees are due. However, if any fees are incurred upon the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Attorney Docket No. 53394.000564 Serial Number 10/051,190

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FORM PTO A PRADE NAME OF COMMERCE ATTY. DOCKET NO .: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (REV. 7-80) 53394.000564 **INVENTOR'S NAME:** Bernadette GIBBS LIST OF MATERIALS CITED BY APPLICANT FILING DATE: January 22, 2002 (Use several sheets if necessary) **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** DOCUMENT NUMBER *EXAMINER DATE NAME CLASS SUB **FILING** INITIAL **CLASS** DATE 04/02/74 A 3 Jacob В 0 6 09/09/86 Weisman et al. 4 6 1 C 4 6 4 6 3 6 2 03/03/87 Heran et al. D 4 7 8 7 8 9 7 11/29/88 Torimae et al. E 5 3 7 5 3 7 08/11/92 Herron et al. F 5 4 3 4 5 09/15/92 Young et al. 7 G 01/25/94 5 2 8 1 2 0 7 Chmielewski et al. Н 11/07/95 5 6 4 4 0 Hasse et al. I 9 2 9 03/05/96 Kuepper et al. 5 4 6 8 J 5 9 3 4 0 01/14/97 Sosalla et al. K 04/29/97 Long et al. 5 2 4 4 2 9 6 9 L 5 5 4 12/09/97 6 8 8 Sosalla M 5 8 0 7 3 6 8 09/15/98 Helmer N 5 03/09/99 Odorzynski et al. 3 4 \overline{o} 6 0 8 2 0 05/30/00 Chmielewski 6 6 P 9 05/30/00 Suzuki et al. 6 0 6 9. 0 7 Q 6 1 3 2 4 1 10/17/00 Huber et al. R 2 11/06/01 6 3 3 3 7 Suzuki 1 S Н 5 6 5 07/02/96 Brodof et al. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY **CLASS** SUB TRANS NUMBER **CLASS LATION** YES NO OTHER MATERIALS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) **EXAMINER** DATE CONSIDERED *EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.